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LANDSCHILDPADDEN EN WATERSCHILDPADDEN

Leopard Tortoise

Stigmochelys pardalis

Stigmochelys pardalis is a large, calm, herbivorous tortoise from the savannas of Africa with black and yellow leopard spots on a high-domed shell. It typically grows to about 40 cm and can live for 50-100 years. It therefore needs a very large outdoor enclosure in summer, warmth and UVB indoors for the rest of the year and a high-fibre diet of grasses and wild plants.

Familie: Testudinidae Vroegere naam: *Geochelone pardalis; Testudo pardalis*

KERNGEGEVENS

HET DIER

Volwassen grootte	**30-45 cm** totale lengte incl. staart
Gewicht	**13.000-20.000 g**
Levensduur	**50-100 jaar**
Actief	**Overdag**
Levenswijze	**Bodembewonend**
Leefgebied	**Halfwoestijn en savanne**
Moeilijkheidsgraad	**Ervaren**

VERZORGING

Min. terrarium	**320 × 160 × 45 cm** L × B × H voor 1 volwassen dier
Temperatuur overdag	**24-32 °C**
Zonneplek	**35-40 °C**
Temperatuur ’s nachts	**20-24 °C**
Luchtvochtigheid	**40-70%**
Water	**Waterbak**
UVB	**Onmisbaar** Fergusonzone 3
Voeding	**Planten**
Gehouden	**Solitair of in paren**

KWEEK

Voortplanting	**Eierleggend**
Legselgrootte	**5-30 eieren**
Legsels per jaar	**1-7**
Incubatie	**150-450 dagen** bij 28-32 °C

BESCHERMING EN PAPIEREN

CITES	**Bijlage II**
EU-bijlage	**Bijlage B**
IUCN	**Niet bedreigd (LC)**

Verzorging in het kort

HET TERRARIUM

Adults need an outdoor enclosure when the weather allows, in a northern European climate typically only in the warmest summer months (see Temperature). A pair can be kept on about 3 × 3 m, but more is better.

TEMPERATUUR

Indoors there should be 24-32 °C by day, 35-40 °C at the basking spot and 20-24 °C at night. The figures for the basking spot and night are partly borrowed from the related *Centrochelys sulcata*. The species does not hibernate.

LUCHTVOCHTIGHEID EN WATER

Humidity is not documented for the species; 40-70 % in the enclosure is an estimate. The species comes from savanna and semi-arid areas and is not a humid-climate species.

VERLICHTING EN UVB

UVB or natural sunlight is necessary, because otherwise the animal does not produce vitamin D3 and cannot absorb and use the calcium. Ferguson zone 3 is an estimate.

VOEDING

S. pardalis is a grazer and needs a high-fibre, calcium-rich diet. Grazing is the foundation: mixed grass and herbs, which you can grow yourself in the enclosure, for example lucerne and grasses.

GEDRAG EN OMGANG

S. pardalis is diurnal, shy and calm. It withdraws its head and legs when disturbed, but with time learns to know its keeper and goes over for food. It should be handled rarely and is not a pet for small children.

NATUURLIJK VERSPREIDINGSGEBIED

Zuid-Soedan, Ethiopië, Somalië, Kenia, Oeganda, Tanzania, Rwanda, Burundi, Congo-Kinshasa, Angola, Zambia, Malawi, Mozambique, Zimbabwe, Namibië, Botswana, Zuid-Afrika, Eswatini en Lesotho.